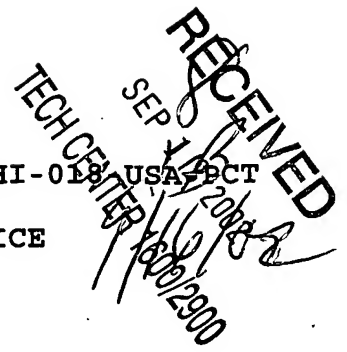




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In compliance with the dictates of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby submit an Information Disclosure Statement.

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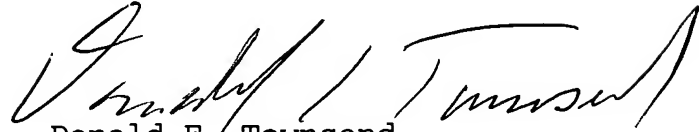
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